(d) whether foreign investment in power sector to meet the growing needs of electricity, eight ultra modern projects of 4,000 MW capacity has also been started in the country;

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there exists an inter-regional transmission capacity of 11450 MW. This is planned to be enhanced to 37000 MW by the end of the 11th Plan.

(c) The National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for all by 2012 and per capita availability of power to be increased to over 1000 units by 2011 - 12. To achieve this, total capacity addition of about 1,00,000 MW is required during 10th and 11th Plan period. With this capacity addition, installed capacity by 2012 is envisaged to become over 2,00,000 MW.

(d) Ultra Mega Power Projects initiative has been launched for development of large size power Projects through tariff based competition route. Under the initiative so far. nine sites have been identified. Tying up of funds from various sources is the responsibility of successful developers.

Simhadri Thermal Power Project

2187. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status and complete details of Simhadri-ll Thermal Power Project, indicating the name of its promoter, capacity, likely date of-commissioning, the funds released for it and utilization thereof;

(b) whether the work on this project is progressing as per schedule; and

(c) if the work on this project is behind the schedule, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC Ltd. proposes to expand the capacity of its existing Simhadri Thermal Power Project (Simhadri TPP, 2x500 MW), by adding 1000 MW capacity in State-ll. Feasibility report for expansion project has been finalized with an estimated cost of Rs. 4844.4 crores (At 3rd Qtr. 2006 price level). Various input tie-ups and clearances including environment clearance from

Ministry of Environment & Forests are being pursued. After availability of necessary clearances, proposal will be processed for approval by NTPC Board and major expenditure on the project will be taken up. In the meanwhile a provision of Rs. 251.17 crores has been kept for the project in Budget Estimate (BE) 2007-08. Subject to timely clearances/approvals, both 500 MW units of the project are envisaged for commissioning in 11th Plan period.

Teesta Hydro Power Project

†2188. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of Teesta hydro power project;

(b) the names of States which are expected to be benefited from the above said project; and

(c) by when this project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Three hydroelectric projects are under implementation by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) on Teesta river. The details of these projects are as under:

Name of the Project/ Location (State)	Capacity (MW)	Beneficiary State(s)	Expected Commissioning schedule
Teesta Stage-V, Sikkim	510 MW	West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar and Jharkhand along with Damodar Valley Corporation.	January, 2008
Teesta Low Dam Stage-Ill, West Bengal	132 MW	West Bengal	December, 2008
Teesta Low Dam Stage-IV, West Bengal	160 MW	West Bengal	September, 2009

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